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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1380

FROM QUINLAN MUSCAT

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MU MILI

SUBJ: NEW DEFENSE SECRETARY AND DHOFAR WAR MISCELLANY

1. DEFENSE SECRETARY OLDMAN AND BRIGADIER SEMPLE, HIS DEPUTY AND EXPECTED REPLACEMENT, NOW EXPECT SAYYID FAHAR BIN TAIMUR WILL BE NAMED DEFENSE SECRETARY. FAHAR HAS BEEN DEFENSE LIAISON OFFICER FOR OVER YEAR AND WAS NAMED DEPUTY SECRETARY LAST MONTH. HE IS UNCLE OF SULTAN QABOOS, CORPULENT, GENIAL, ON EXCELLENT TERMS WITH OLDMAN AND OTHER BRITISH MILITARY LEADERS AND IS ACCUSTOMED TO WORKING AS FRONTMAN IN MILITARY AFFAIRS. ALTHOUGH FAHAR GRADUATED FROM PAKISTAN MILITARY ACADEMY AND SERVED BRIEFLY AS OFFICER SOME 25 YEARS AGO HE HAS NO REAL EXPERIENCE EXPERTISE AND OVER PAST YEAR HAS RETIRED TO BACKGROUND WHENEVER EXPERTISE WAS CALLED FOR.

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2. COMMENTS ON DHOFAR BY OLDMAN AND SEMPLE. MY QUESTION

OF DANGER THAT HIGH MONSOON CLOUD COVER MIGHT ENVELOP MAINBRACE (SIMBA) POSITION, DISCUSSED DURING BUCK VISIT SALALAH) ELICITED CONFIDENT REPLY THAT THIS POSSIBILITY DISCOUNTED BY DHOFARI LOCAL OBSERVERS AND IN ANY CASE DEFENSE HAD BEEN PLANNED AND PREPARED. FIRE ON MAINBRACE HAD DROPPED OF SHARPLY IN PAST WEEKS. NO MAJOR SUPPLY CARAVANS HAD REACHED CENTRAL AND EASTERN SECTORS DHOFAR SINCE FEB 1. NEW POSITIONS ESTABLISHED I 30 MAY ARRIVAL DATE WILL CREATE A CLIFF HANGING SITUATION IN VIEW OF THE 1 JULY EXPIRATION DATE OF THE 1972 CREDIT AGREEMENT. THE TRANSACTION IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE NECESSITY TO ADD A NEW COVERING LETTER TO THE CREDIT AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDES HELICOPTERS AS DEFENSE ARTICLES AUTHORIZED FOR PURCHASE. ACCORDING TO REFTEL B THIS LETTER IS ALSO TO BE FORWARDED TO TUNIS FROM STATE/ DOD.

4. PAST EXPERIENCE LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT THE GOT WILL USE MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE TIME PERIOD ALLOWED TO STUDY THIS PROJECT WITHOUT UNDUE PRESSURE GENERATED BY A SHORT DEADLINE ON OUR PART.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF THE LETTER OF OFFER AND THE AMENDMENT TO THE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY ONE OF THE TWO FOLLOWING MEANS.

(1) HAND- CARRY OF THESE DOCUMENTS TO TUNIS NLT 15 MAY BY A STATE/ DOD REPRESENTATIVE QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE ANY CLARIFICATION NECESSARY FOR PROMPT CONCLUSION OF THE PROJECT.

(2) IF, HAND- CARRY IS NOT FEASIBLE, NECESSARY DATA AND AUTHORIZATION BE SENT BY PRIORITY MESSAGE TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS WHERE DOCUMENTS WILL BE PREPARED FOR EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY TO GOT.

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